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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, VS, VN, NO

SUBJECT: NORWAY PONDERES PRG UPGRADING

REF: A. OSLO 3972; B. STATE 187975; C. SAIGON 9157

D. SAIGON 9835

1. AMBASSADOR BYRNE'S FORCEFUL PRESENTATION OF USG POSITION ON PRG ISSUE IS MUCH APPRECIATED.

2. WITH REFERENCE TO PARAS 3 AND 5 OF REFTTEL A, FOR MIN FRYDENLUND'S MENTION OF POSSIBLY UPGRADING PRG LEVEL OF CONFIDENTIAL

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UNCHANGED IS OBVIOUSLY PREFERABLE TO MEASURES RECENTLY TAKEN BY FRANCE AND SWEDEN ELEVATING STATUS OF PRG. IF IT BECOMES CLEAR TO EMBASSY THAT GON DEFINITELY PLANS TO TAKE SOME ACTION TO ENHANCE PRG REPRESENTATION, YOU CAN INFORM FRYDENLUND THAT HIS SUGGESTED MOVE WOULD BE LEAST OFFENSIVE TO US ALTHOUGH WE WOULD CONSIDER ANY RPT ANY ENHANCEMENT OF PRG STATUS TO BE UNHELPFUL TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

3. MEANWHILE EMBASSY SHOULD CONTINUE TO VIGOROUSLY DISCOURAGE GON FROM MAKING ANY MOVE WHATSOEVER TO ELEVATE PRG STATUS. IN THIS CONNECTION WE ARE REPEATING TO EMBASSY REFTELS C AND D WHICH SHOULD PROVIDE SOME USEFUL INFORMATION IN MAKING PRESENTATIONS TO GON. WE ALSO REFER EMBASSY

TO REFTEL B FOR ADDITIONAL TALKING POINTS.

4. FINALLY YOU MIGHT NOTE IN TALKING WITH GON REPRESENTATIVES THAT IT SEEMS PARTICULARLY INAPPROPRIATE TO BE CONSIDERING MAKING A GESTURE TOWARDS PRG AT PRESENT TIME WHEN DRV/PRG MILITARY OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIET-NAM ARE CURRENTLY AT HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE CEASE-FIRE. COMMUNISTS ALSO CONTINUE THEIR BOYCOTT OF ALL NEGOTIATING FORUMS CREATED BY PARIS AGREEMENT AND HAVE SEVERELY CURTAILED EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION (ICCS). IN OUR VIEW ACTIONS AT THIS JUNCTURE BY RESPECTED GOVERNMENTS SUCH AS GON TO ENHANCE POLITICAL PRESTIGE OF PRG CAN ONLY SERVE TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNISTS IN THEIR PRESENT COURSE OF IGNORING PARIS AGREEMENT AND STRIVING TO TAKEOVER SOUTH VIET-NAM BY VIOLENT MEANS. INGERSOLL

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